

# LEVIN PAPANTONIO

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Founded in 1955, Levin Papantonio (LP) is a 40-lawyer firm based in Pensacola, Florida. While maintaining a traditional local practice as it has for 64 years, the firm now enjoys a national reputation as a leader in mass tort and class action litigation.

LP attorneys have been appointed as lead counsel or PEC/PSC members in more than 50 MDLs ranging from pharmaceutical/medical device litigation to environmental and securities cases. The firm is recognized for its ability to successfully resolve large MDLs.

It also is known for its trial bench, which has won more than \$2.5 billion in jury verdicts, including more than 150 jury verdicts exceeding \$1 million.

As a leader in the mass tort/class action space, LP hosts a semi-annual seminar, Mass Torts Made Perfect, that attracts more than 1,000 mass tort and class action lawyers to each event.

Despite LP's national practice, the firm remains committed to local community, where its roots run deep. To date, LP attorneys and employees have donated more than \$35 million and tens of thousands of volunteer hours to charity.

### **Sample Awards & Accomplishments**

- Leadership Appointments in 50+ MDLs
- Best Law Firms – U.S. News & World Report
- Best Lawyers in America
- National Law Journal – America's Elite Trial Lawyers & Hall of Fame
- President, National Trial Lawyers
- AAJ Board of Governors
- President, Public Investors Arbitration Bar Ass'n
- Public Justice Ass'n – Trial Lawyer of the Year Finalist
- Inner Circle of Advocates
- The Summit Council – Top Civil Just Attorneys in the U.S.
- Florida Trend Legal Elite

### **Sample Verdicts**

- \$150 million – defective drug
- \$480 million – airplane crash
- \$380 million – environmental pollution
- \$43 million – fraud
- \$30 million – tobacco wrongful death
- \$31 million – medical malpractice
- \$43 million – defective drug
- \$18 million – train derailment
- \$21 million – age discrimination

### **Sample Leadership Appointments**

- Plaintiffs' Steering Cmte. & Plaintiffs' Discovery Liaison, MDL No. 2570, *In re: Cook Medical, Inc. IVC Filters, Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litig.* (S.D. Ind. – Hon. Richard L. Young)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Cmte., MDL No. 2641, *In re: Bard IVC Filters Products Liability Litig.* (D. Az. – Hon. David G. Campbell)
- Plaintiffs' Leadership Cmte. & Class Counsel (MRGO PSLC), *In re: Katrina Canal Breaches Consolidated Litig.*, Case No. 05-4182 (E.D. La. – Hon. Stanwood R. Duval, Jr.)
- Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel for all *Engle* Progeny Tobacco Cases, 2008-present (Fla. 1st Cir. – Hon. Terry J. Terrell)

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### Education

- 2008 J.D. *summa cum laude*, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio
- Capital Univ. Law Review, research editor
  - National Moot Court Team
- 2000 B.A. in urban geography, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

### Employment

- 2009– **Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, P.A.**  
Currently a shareholder, transitioning to “of counsel” status in Chicago
- Co-lead of LP’s Class Actions Department
  - Founded Wage & Hour Department
  - Have held lead responsibility for several mass tort litigations
  - Concentrate practice on advanced discovery, briefing, and oral argument
- 2008–09 Judicial law clerk, District Judge M. Casey Rodgers, Northern District of Florida
- 2008 Externship, Circuit Judge Jeffrey S. Sutton, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
- 2007 Externship, District Judge Algenon L. Marbley, Southern District of Ohio
- 1999–2007 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company
- Software architect; led a team of developers writing cartographic applications

### Admissions

- United States Supreme Court
- State bars of Illinois, Florida, and Ohio
- Federal circuits: Second, Fifth, Eleventh
- Federal districts: N.D. Fla., M.D. Fla., S.D. Fla., N.D. Ohio, S.D. Ohio, S.D. Ill.

### Trial verdicts and decisions

- *In re Chinese Drywall*: approximately \$2 million (2010)
- *Gaghan v. Hoffmann-La Roche*: \$2.1 million (2011)
- *Wilkinson/Rossitto v. Hoffmann-La Roche*: \$18 million (2012)
- *Kendall v. Hoffmann-La Roche*: \$2.5 million (2014)

- *In re Pradaxa Prods. Liab. Litig.*, MDL No. 2385, 2014 WL 321656 (S.D. Ill. Jan. 29, 2014) (defeated arguments to shield 85 documents from confidentiality under German law) (lead author of brief)
- *Rich v. Simoni*, 772 S.E.2d 327 (W. Va. 2015) (Supreme Court tightened ethical standards for contingency lawyers, holding Rules of Professional Conduct had the force of public policy) (briefed and argued)
- *Kerns v. Lamot Industries, LLC*, No. 3:16cv76, 2017 WL 2903348 (N.D. Fla. June 1, 2017) (plaintiff's summary judgment motion; established right to emotional distress damages in FLSA case)

#### **Other credentials/experience**

- Numerous articles in professional journals (FJA Journal; The American Trial Lawyer cover story)
- Public speaking: AAJ; Mass Torts Made Perfect; Colo. Trial Lawyers Assoc.
- Regularly appear at Capital University Law School (lectures; moot court)

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**Education & Background**

- J.D., *summa cum laude*, Florida State University College of Law, 2002
- Recipient, 14 Book Awards – FSU College of Law, 1999-2002
- Member, FSU Law Review, 1999-2002
- Sr. Articles Editor, FSU Law Review, 2001-2002
- Order of the Coif
- Law Clerk, Hon. Robert L. Hinkle, U.S. District Court (N.D. Fla.), 2002-2004

**Previous & Ongoing Judicial Appointments**

- Plaintiffs' Executive Cmte., MDL No. 2816, *In re: Sorin 3T Heater Cooler System* (W.D. Pa. – Hon. John E. Jones, III)
- Plaintiffs' Executive Cmte., MDL No. 2695, *In re: Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Co. Marketing and Sales Practices Litig.* (D.N.M. – Hon. James O. Browning)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Cmte. & Plaintiffs' Discovery Liaison, MDL No. 2570, *In re: Cook Medical, Inc. IVC Filters, Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litig.* (S.D. Ind. – Hon. Richard L. Young)
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**Representative Verdicts**

- *Gray v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., et al.* (\$9.25 million jury verdict)
- *Guy v. Roads, Inc. of NW Fla.* (\$4.25 million jury verdict)
- *Martin v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., et al.* (\$30 million jury verdict)
- *Danielson v. Philip Morris USA Inc.* (\$2.95 million jury verdict)

**Honors**

- AV Rated, Martindale-Hubbell (>20 5-star reviews for ethical conduct)
- Florida "Super Lawyer" 2009-2019
- AVVO Rating: 10
- Eagle Scout, BSA